



North Central Idaho

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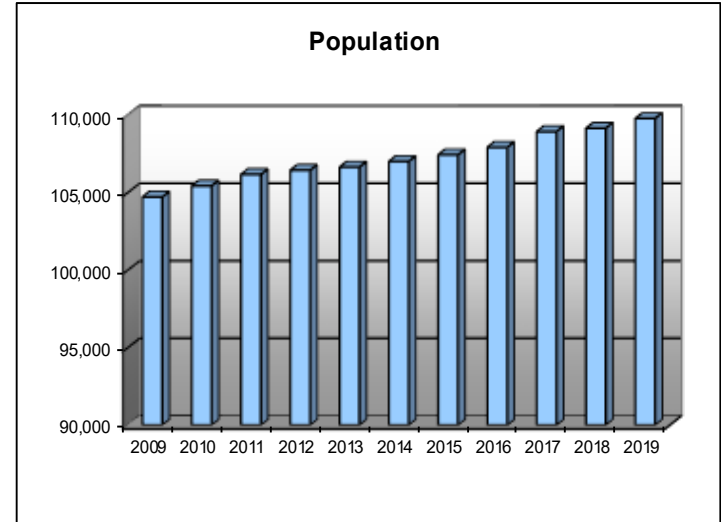
Workforce Trends

Population

The region's population rose 5 percent from 104,719 in 2009 to 109,777 in 2019, while the state's population grew 15 percent and the U.S. population grew 7 percent. Clearwater County decreased 0.1 percent to 8,756, Idaho County grew 3 percent to 16,667, Latah County grew 9 percent to 40,108. Lewis County remained virtually unchanged at 3,838, and Nez Perce County grew 3 percent to 40,408.

The region's slow population growth reflects its relatively slow economic growth. With the exception of Latah County, home to the University of Idaho, the region's counties skew older than the national average.

The region's 29 cities have 71 percent of its population. The 2019 population of the largest cities were Lewiston, 32,788; Moscow, 25,702; Grangeville, 3,237; Orofino, 3,099; Kamiah, 1,244; Lapwai, 1,137; Genesee, 965; Cottonwood, 940; Troy, 895; and Potlatch, 814.

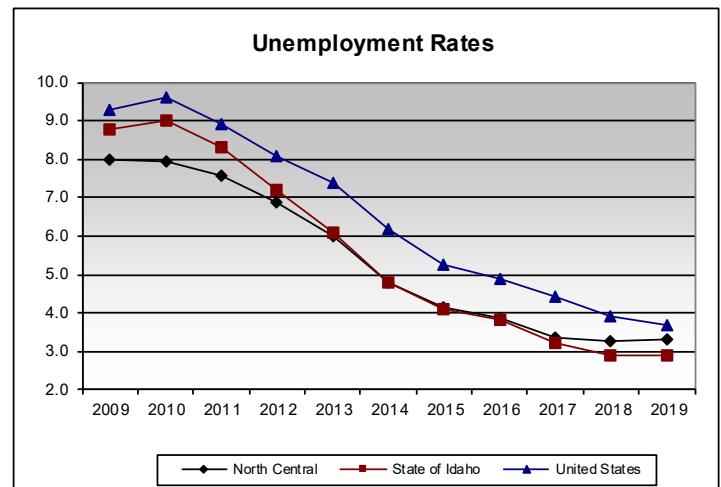


Labor Force & Employment

For a small rural economy, north central Idaho is fairly diversified but still struggles with long-term job losses in agriculture and forest products.

Between 2006 and 2009, logging and wood products lost 600 of their 1,800 jobs. About 400 of those jobs had been recovered in the last few years until two mills—Blue North Forest Products in Kamiah and Tri Pro Cedar near Orofino—closed in 2016, putting 120 out of work. Other manufacturing sectors added about 1,050 jobs since 2007. Most of the growth came from Lewiston where ammunition makers expanded and Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories opened a plant in 2012.

Despite the region's beautiful scenery, forests and rivers, fabulous hunting and fishing opportunities and historic importance, its tourism sector remains small. Amusement and recreational facilities, restaurants, bars and lodging have grown at a fairly strong clip in the last few years.

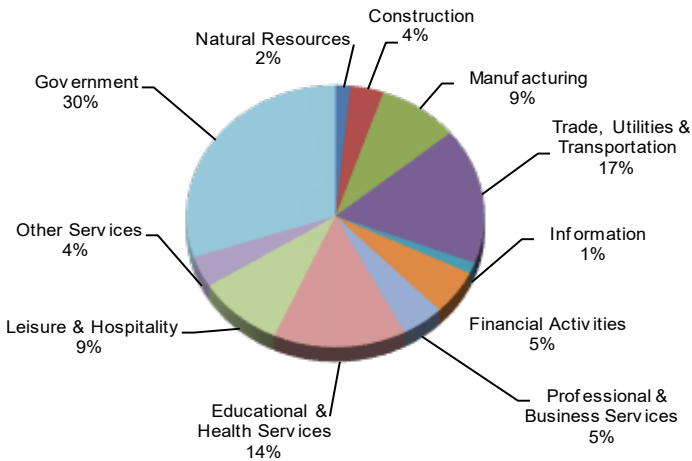


Slow population growth, labor-saving technology and the closure of the Lewiston Walmart cut 950 of 5,910 retail jobs between 2007 and 2011. Despite significant growth since, the sector remains smaller than it was 10 years ago. Construction peaked at 2,080 jobs in 2006, declining to 1,431 in 2012 but experienced steady growth since then. The University of Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, federal and state forest and wildlife agencies, two state prisons, and a state mental hospital help stabilize employment. An aging population makes health care one of the fastest growing sectors.

Labor Force	Aug 19	Aug 20
Civilian Labor Force	53,292	52,037
Total Employment	51,575	49,873
Unemployed	1,717	2,164
North Central Idaho % Unemployed	3.2	4.2
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.9	4.2
U.S. % Unemployed	3.7	8.4

Labor Force	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Civilian Labor Force	49,157	51,018	50,947	51,034	51,028	50,841	51,184	51,868	52,132	52,115	52,722
Unemployment	3,926	4,060	3,870	3,515	3,054	2,448	2,132	2,005	1,761	1,698	1,738
% of Labor Force Unemployed	8.0	8.0	7.6	6.9	6.0	4.8	4.2	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.3
Employment	45,231	46,958	47,077	47,519	47,974	48,393	49,052	49,863	50,371	50,417	50,984

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2019



Economic Development

The region's per capita income rose 32 percent between 2009 and 2018, while the state's increased 41 percent and the nation's 39 percent.

Clearwater Economic Development Association, Clearwater County Economic Development, Ida-Lew Economic Development Council, the Partnerships for Economic Prosperity serving Latah County, Lewis-Clark State College, the Port of Lewiston, the Nez Perce Tribe, and Valley Vision serving the Lewis-Clark Valley collaborate on economic development projects and work with the Idaho Department of Labor offices in Grangeville, Lewiston, Moscow and Orofino to determine how to meet future workforce needs.

Major Employers

Cambria Health (Regence BlueShield)
 City of Lewiston
 Clearwater Paper
 Gritman Medical Center
 Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
 Idaho Forest Group
 Lewis-Clark State College
 Lewiston Independent School District #1
 Moscow School District #281
 Nez Perce Tribe
 St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
 Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories
 U.S. Forest Service
 University of Idaho
 Vista Outdoor (ammunition manufacturer)

North Central Idaho Wages*	Occupational Entry Wage	Median Wage
Accountants & Auditors	\$19.57	\$29.51
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	\$14.82	\$19.52
Carpenters	\$15.70	\$24.76
Cashiers	\$9.11	\$10.89
Computer User Support Specialists	\$16.57	\$22.44
Construction Laborers	\$12.22	\$16.24
Customer Service Representatives	\$11.95	\$17.55
Dental Assistants	\$13.48	\$17.68
Home Health & Personal Care Aides	\$8.92	\$10.78
Janitors & Cleaners	\$10.27	\$13.50
Medical Assistant	\$13.12	\$16.28
Registered Nurses	\$23.86	\$33.02
Retail Salespersons	\$9.48	\$13.45
Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$12.40	\$16.30
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$16.75	\$27.01

*Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at <http://lmi.idaho.gov>.

** North Idaho wages

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 2009, 2018 & 2019	2009		2018		2019	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	42,645	\$25,791	42,370	\$31,530	41,858	\$32,505
Agriculture	1,147	\$30,416	838	\$35,302	894	\$37,937
Mining	201	\$32,376	168	\$46,596	164	\$49,087
Construction	1,590	\$25,721	1,659	\$33,408	1,614	\$34,845
Manufacturing	4,419	\$37,173	3,675	\$45,263	3,902	\$46,060
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	8,561	\$21,141	7,841	\$27,118	7,416	\$28,041
Information	679	\$24,474	632	\$29,294	605	\$30,297
Financial Activities	1,857	\$27,446	2,093	\$35,888	2,039	\$35,986
Professional and Business Services	2,085	\$38,480	2,072	\$40,843	2,054	\$43,516
Educational and Health Services	4,691	\$25,424	6,191	\$30,278	6,336	\$30,215
Leisure and Hospitality	4,206	\$9,288	4,091	\$11,233	4,157	\$11,871
Other Services	2,041	\$19,477	1,001	\$20,435	969	\$23,183
Government	11,168	\$29,229	12,110	\$35,668	11,707	\$36,758

Per Capita Income	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
North Central	\$31,316	\$32,463	\$33,298	\$34,225	\$35,073	\$35,883	\$37,651	\$38,292	\$39,452	\$41,193
State of Idaho	\$31,186	\$31,957	\$33,515	\$35,188	\$36,200	\$37,896	\$39,857	\$40,670	\$42,094	\$43,901
United States	\$39,284	\$40,546	\$42,735	\$44,599	\$44,851	\$47,058	\$48,978	\$49,870	\$51,885	\$54,446

Information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis